

Working Holiday Canada

Complete guide for the International Experience Canada (IEC)
program.

Main Requirements

Key rules and conditions that apply to participate in the International Experience Canada (IEC) program.

Key WHV Facts

18-35

Years of Age

Depends on the bilateral agreement
with your home country.

2,500

CAD Minimum Funds

Required to support yourself during
the beginning of your stay.

369

CAD Official Fee

Official IRCC Fee required to process
your application.

*The age range and the possibility of participating multiple times vary depending on the bilateral agreement between your home country and Canada. The CAD 369.75 fee does not include external costs such as biometrics or insurance.

Funds and Financial Proof

Required Funds

Upon entering Canada, the immigration officer will verify that you have at least CAD 2,500 to support yourself during the beginning of your stay.

Additionally, you must have an outward ticket, or demonstrate that you have sufficient additional funds to purchase one in the future.

How are they proven?

The proof is presented at the airport upon arrival in Canada through a bank statement in the name of the visa holder.

This document must have been issued a maximum of 7 days prior to your flight and must necessarily be in English or French, or include a certified translation.

Travel Medical Insurance

Mandatory Coverage

Having medical insurance is an absolute requirement to enter the country under this program.

- **Vital duration:** The insurance must cover your ENTIRE stay. If you present a shorter policy, your visa will expire on that same day with no option for an extension.
- **Entry into the country:** It will be required by the border officer at the time of your arrival in Canada.
- **Comprehensive coverage:** The policy must cover general medical care, hospital care, and repatriation.



Additional Documentation

Learn about the extra paperwork you might need to complete your application for the IEC program.

Specific Procedures and Certificates



Police Certificates

An official police certificate is required from your country of citizenship and any other country where you lived for 6+ continuous months since age 18.



Medical Exams







Generally exempt. ONLY mandatory if working in health, education, childcare, or if you lived 6+ months in a high-risk country recently.



Official Translations

If documents are not in English or French, include a translation, translator's affidavit, and certified copy. Apostille is not required.

Official Document Checklist

-  **Valid Passport:** Must cover the total expected duration of your stay in Canada.
-  **IRCC Forms:** Curriculum Vitae (CV) in IEC format and Family Information Form (IMM).
-  **Biometrics:** Digital photo and the payment/capture of fingerprints for IRCC.
-  **Police Certificates:** From your country and previous residences longer than 6 months.
-  **Medical Exam:** Only if your travel history or future occupation in Canada requires it.
-  **Upon arrival at the border:** Bank statement (CAD 2,500) and Medical insurance for the entire stay.

System and **Application**

How the application process works, the IEC pools, and the rules during your stay.

IEC Pools and Extensions

The 'Pools' System

The process begins with the creation of an online profile in the IEC pools. From there, random weekly draws are held.

Upon receiving the Invitation to Apply (ITA) after being drawn, the entire application, payment of fees, and submission of documents are done 100% digitally.

Can I extend my visa?

The WHV itself cannot be extended. It ends exactly when the granted period expires (generally 12 months).

However, depending on your passport and the bilateral agreement, you may be allowed up to 2 or 3 lifetime participations to reapply for a new cycle.

Studies and Language Requirement

Professional and Academic Development

The Working Holiday visa offers great flexibility for your growth in Canada.

- **No minimum education:** No previous academic degree is required to apply.
- **Language not exclusive:** An English or French certificate is not mandatory, although having a functional level is recommended.
- **Permitted studies:** You can undertake short studies or language courses, provided the program lasts a maximum of 6 months.



Competition and Quotas

Availability by Nationality

The duration of the quotas depends exclusively on your nationality.

Some countries have thousands of annual quotas or even unlimited quotas, where competition is low and it is highly likely to receive an invitation in a few weeks.

On the other hand, other countries have very high competition (e.g., quotas of 80 or 250 vacancies) that are quickly exhausted through the draws, or require the assistance of Recognized Organizations (ROs).



Your Next Destination

Discover some of the most iconic cities waiting for you for your life and work experience.

Canada **Awaits You**



Toronto

The financial center and the most multicultural city in the country, ideal for corporate opportunities and urban life.



Vancouver

The perfect balance between a modern metropolis, imposing mountains, and the Pacific coasts.



Montreal

Immerse yourself in Francophone culture. A vibrant city, full of festivals, art, and European architecture.

Questions?

Thank you for your attention. Best of luck in your application to live the Canadian experience!

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